to a Host within a Private Network (As Amended) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Before examination, please amend this application as follows. IN THE SPECIFICATION line 1 delete "E42 P37US SBP"; Page 1, line 2, delete "2000-12-14"; line 4, after "Communication" insert -to a Host within a Private Network line 6, delete "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" and insert therefor \*BACKGROUND -; and

line 14, delete "BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION".

line 4, before "DESCRIPTION" insert -- BREIF--; and

line 21, delete "DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS"

line 14, delete "OF THE INVENTION".

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